

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

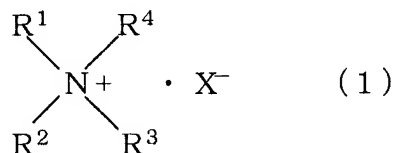
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

[1] (currently amended): A lubricating oil additive comprising a quaternary ammonium salt having a base number of at least 10 mgKOH/g,

wherein the quaternary ammonium salt is represented by the following general formula

(1)



where R¹ to R⁴ each independently represent a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, -R⁹O-CO-R¹⁰, or -R¹¹NH-CO-R¹² (provided that at least one of R¹ to R⁴ represents a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 30 carbon atoms), R⁹ and R¹¹ each represent a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, R¹⁰ and R¹² each represent a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 30 carbon atoms or a hydrogen atom, and X⁻ represents an anionic group, and

wherein X is selected from the group consisting of anionic groups derived from carbonic acid, a carbonate, boric acid and an organic carboxylic acid.

[2] (canceled).

[3] (canceled).

[4] (previously presented): A lubricating oil additive according to Claim 1, which is used for internal combustion engine lubricating oil or for driving system lubricating oil.

[5] (previously presented): A lubricating oil composition comprising 0.1 to 10% by mass of the lubricating oil additive according to Claim 1 based on a base oil.

[6] (currently amended): A lubricating oil additive according to claim 21, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of anionic groups derived from carbonic acid, a carbonate, ~~boric acid~~ and an organic carboxylic acid, ~~and a hydroxyl group~~.

[7] (currently amended): A lubricating oil additive according to claim 21, which is used for internal combustion engine lubricating oil ~~or for driving system lubricating oil~~.

[8] (currently amended): A lubricating oil additive according to claim 31, which is used ~~for internal combustion engine lubricating oil or for driving system lubricating oil~~.

[9] (previously presented): A lubricating oil additive according to claim 6 which is used for internal combustion engine lubricating oil or for driving system lubricating oil.

[10] (currently amended): A lubricating oil composition comprising ~~0.1 to 100.2~~ 0.2 to 8% by mass of the lubricating oil additive according to claim 21 based on a base oil.

[11] (currently amended): A lubricating oil composition comprising 0.1 to 10% by mass of the lubricating oil additive according to claim ~~3~~9 based on a base oil.

[12] (previously presented): A lubricating oil composition comprising 0.1 to 10% by mass of the lubricating oil additive according to claim 4 based on a base oil.

[13] (previously presented): A lubricating oil composition comprising 0.1 to 10% by mass of the lubricating oil additive according to claim 6 based on a base oil.